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Testimony in Support of The
Connecticut Home Care Program for the Disabled
H.B. 6380, An Act Concerning the Budget For the
Biennium Ending June 30, 2013

The Appropriations Committee Public Hearing, March 4, 2011

Senator Harp, Representative Walker, and Distinguished Members of the
Appropriations Committee,

My name is Celeste Proulx and I am from Cromwell, CT. I would like to share my concerns and urge you to support programs that provide home and community-based services for people of all ages who are facing challenges and need long-term care.

I am directly impacted by this bill as both a person with multiple sclerosis and because my brother is age 46 and lives in a nursing home. He also has multiple sclerosis.

The pilot program, the CT Home Care Program for the Disabled has been a lifesaver for the 41 individuals living with degenerative neurological disabilities like MS, Parkinson's Disease and early onset Alzheimer's Disease. It is the only option for these individuals. We must preserve the funding for this program.

The CT Home Care Program for the Disabled did not exist when my brother's MS became very debilitating...

Now at age 46, my brother, who has MS has been living in a nursing home for the past 6 years. He now receives Medicaid.

As a single person with not much family support, he was unable to maintain a home and take care of himself. He lived alone in a house that he owned. He

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